

# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTERNAL MEMO



**TO:** All Personnel  
**FROM:** Director Kirk Wilkerson  
**DATE:** October 26, 2017  
**RE:** Phishing Email Alert– New Ransomware “Bad Rabbit”

There are media reports of a new variant of the “Petya” ransomware named “Bad Rabbit” that is causing infections primarily abroad.

Be suspicious of any unsolicited email from individuals requesting information about the following: employees, internal information, sensitive and/or financial information. When in doubt, call the sender to confirm the request you’ve received is legitimate.

Ransomware is malicious software that encrypts all user files on a computer, and demands a ransom be paid before the files are released. The primary method of infection is through a “phishing” email crafted to appear as though it were from a legitimate organization or individual, and entices the user to click on a link or open an infected file attachment containing malicious code.

Pay attention to the URL of a website. We have seen malicious websites using a variation in the spelling of the site to trick users. Below are a few examples.

1. Misspelling of URL’s :
  - (Facebook.cm) - instead of Facebook.com
  - (Zillow.cm) – instead of Zillow.com
2. Suspicious phishing email:

From: Mindy Dinh [mailto:MindyDinh@ ]  
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 4:21 AM  
To: John [redacted]  
Subject: Re:  
  
<http://.refer.setracc>  
  
Mindy Dinh

If you receive an email that looks a “little off” please do not open any attachments and/or click on any links that looks suspicious.

Please report any suspicious emails by contacting our IT Help Desk (714) 834-4444.

